

Algona High School

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## Sawyer Brandt

Dylan Cink

This week's senior spotlight is on Sawyer Brandt. He was born on July 26, 1993, in Algona, Iowa. His parents are Jeff and Amy Frankl Brandt. Sawyer also has a brother named Keifer, who is 21 years old, and a dog named Duke.

Sawyer's hobbies include listening to music, rapping, and reading books. An interesting fact about Sawyer and his family is that all of the men in the family go by their middle name. Their first names are Clayton (Sawyer), William (Keifer), and Kenneth (Jeff).



Sawyer also enjoys working at Billy Joe's. There he is a short order cook. Sawyer said, "I like making grilled walleye because it makes my boss a lot of money since it is expensive." Billy Joe's is known for their wing Thursdays. Sawyer says that it is a very busy time and he is also very dirty after work. Besides wings, Sawyer cooks ribs the most out of everything on the menu.

The next time you happen to see this young, good lookin' man, shoot him a high five.

## Teacher spotlight

Megan Crosser

Mrs. Bormann has been a teacher for 38 years. She grew up in Murray, Iowa, and is now teaching at Algona. Algona High School is the fourth school she's taught at and she loves the students and her peers. She chose teaching at Algona because her husband was a farmer near Algona and she says she couldn't have done better.

Mrs. Bormann went to Iowa State for four years to obtain her bachelor's de-

## Coach's Corner

Jeremy Black

This week in the Coach's Corner is Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford is the head girls' basketball coach for the first year this year. He is also the boys' golf head coach. He has been a coach for a total of 22 years in various levels of different sports. Ford has always liked working with kids, therefore, he always knew he would be a coach.

In high school and college, he worked at a recreational center. In Tioga, North Dakota, he coached for six years. Of those six years, he was the head girls' basketball coach for three years. Then he went to Marshalltown to coach for a year. After there he came to AHS

and has been coaching for 13 years.

In the future of AHS basketball, he plans to stay a successful team. He also hopes to get the participation up. This year he believes the team will do well. They work hard and deserve it.

Mr. Ford's favorite moment in coaching basketball is the feeling of getting to sub-State two years ago. Coach Ford said, "I was really happy for the girls!"



actly what she saw herself doing when she was younger. "She's a very nice lady," says Paige Becker.



# Set... hit!

Mike Vandy

On Friday, October 7th, the Bulldogs came home after a bitter defeat at Nevada to take on Ballard. The Bulldogs fought hard but Ballard's momentum overcame any of the Bulldogs' effort. The final in this contest was 34-7.

Last week, on October 21st, the Dogs went to Webster City for what many thought would be a wipe out of the Dogs as Webster

City is considered to be the number two team in District 3A. However, the Bulldogs showed everyone that they were not going down without a fight. The Dogs had three touchdowns in the first half; two via catches by Michael Erpelding and one by quarterback Derek Person. The Dogs fell to Webster 21-55 but also showed people why there is reason to believe this is a fighting team.

Curtis Hardman said, "We played well and hard." McCain Jennings added, "We gave a good fight till the end."

The Bulldogs wrap up the season against Humboldt tonight, Friday, October 21st, at 7:30. The Dogs will walk in trying to give the seniors one last win. Good luck to the Dogs and thank you to all the seniors for all your hard work.

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Above: Derek Person carries the ball.

Photo by Jim Gale

## XC off to Districts

Bronson Jergenson

This season has gone well for both the boy and girl cross country runners. With the season coming to a close, the boys and girls both just ran at the Conference meet on October 11, 2011.

For the girl cross country runners, Tangy Wiseman led with a seventh place finish. Paige Yi came in 15 place. Not far behind her was Megann Schmidt in 25th. Kyle Klepper finished in 30th place. The girls ended up placing 4th overall and are now off to Districts.

The boys also had a great finish at the Confer-

ence meet. They finished 4th overall with Mason Altman leading the team for the Bulldogs with a 13th place. The other top finishers for the boys' cross country team were Adam Poepppe in 23rd place and Christian Parker with a 26th place finish.

The District meet was held at Spencer on October 20th. The boys finished in 7th place and the girls finished in 8th. Tangy Wiseman finished in 4th place, qualifying her for State. The State meet is at Fort Dodge on October 29, 2011.

## Start Somewhere

Katie Riley

On Friday, October 7, 2011, people around Iowa participated in a walk. Students and teachers in the Algona Community School District participated in this walk during second period. Students and teachers from fifth grade through twelfth went to the high school track and walked three laps all together. There were also business people from around the Algona area who participated in the Start Somewhere Walk.

The focus of the Start Somewhere Walk is to get people healthier and more involved in daily exercise and activities. When asked about the Start Some-

where Walk, freshman, Nick Scott, said, "I think it was a very fun walk to participate in. I like how this gets those people who want to become healthier individuals started on reaching their goal."

There were so many people in Iowa who participated in the Start Somewhere Walk that the state of Iowa was put in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the state with the most participants. There were 899 people who participated in the Start Somewhere Walk on the high school track. Hopeful people will stay involved and everyone gets healthier and becomes more in shape.



Cross Country at Eagle Grove  
Above: Megann Schmidt, Anna Zeller, and Kyle Klepper

Right: Richard Shellenberg and Kevin Blaha-Polson



Right: Dan Haack, Tyler Dahlhauser, Aaron Bixby, and Scott Haas walk around the AHS track.





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## Still going strong

Celeste Smith

The Algona Swim Team only has one week of their regular season left, but they're still going strong!

You may see them lifting at the high school or swimming at the Y, and you know the swim team is working hard. The swim team has practice five days a week for two hours and swim 2,000 to 3,500 yards a day! The AHS Swim Team is composed of

Estherville, Emmetsburg, and Bishop Garrigan. They have a total of fourteen girls on the team.

With those fourteen girls, they are ranked 41st in the state in power points. Michaela Christian says, "I feel like a barracuda when I swim quickly." Nicole Kenne says, "I feel like Marlin searching for Nemo in the water!"

On October 10th, the team traveled to Spencer for a double duel meet with Spencer and Storm Lake. They lost to Spencer but beat Storm Lake. Second place finishes included the 200 Medley Relay team, Nicole Kenne in the 500 Free, and the 200 and 400 Free Relay teams.

The team set 12 personal new bests on the sea-

son including Joanna Wilson in the JV 50 Free and the JV 400 Free Relay team of Michaela Christian, Joanna Wilson, Lindsey Humble, and Kendra Roethler.

The last swim meets were on October 17th and 18th at Perry High School and Charles City High School. Regionals will be held on October 29th.

## Putting the Pieces Together

Rachel Feuring

On October 6th, the volleyball team traveled to Saint Ed's for their game. The team came back after losing the first two sets to win the last three and win the match. Some of the stats worth mentioning in this game are Jade Simpson having 20 kills, Ali Grien with 6 kills and 5 sets, and Miranda Altman with 3 aces. Courtne Opheim says, "I hope to see the girls at State this year!"

On October 13, the girls traveled to Clear Lake for their match. They beat the Lions in three of the sets. Alissa Zwiefel had 1 kill and 2 sets. Rachel Teague had 2 sets and 3 kills. Tawny Schultz dominated with 2 sets, 4 kills, 13 attack attempts, and 1 ace. By the end of the game, the girls had 12 kills, 37 attacks attempts, and 6 aces. The Algona Bulldogs are now 25-10. Tawny Schultz says, "I'm excited to see what will happen at finals."

The girls had their

sixth home game this year on October 18th against Iowa Falls. They won three sets, which won them the match. Ali Grien had 6 kills and 16 attack attempts. Another star in this game was Tatum Meyer. She had 10 kills, 4 sets, and 18 attack attempts. Tawny Schultz also showed off her skills having 4 sets, 17 kills, and 40 attack attempts.

Their next game is the Regional Quarterfinals on October 24th at Algona High School against Clear Lake. Clear Lake comes into the game with a 3-27 record. The game starts at 7:00 and passes are not allowed, so be sure to bring money when you come to cheer on the Bulldogs!

If the girls win the Regional Quarterfinal game, they advance to play either Iowa Falls-Alden or Charles City on Thursday, October 27, at 7:00. This game will be held at Clear Lake.



Above: Abby Strohman competes in a race.



Above: Alissa Zwiefel and Tatum Meyer go up for the block.

Photo by Jim Gale

## Model UN

Scott Haas

Model UN continues its year with a trip to the capital. On Tuesday, October 18th, six students from the high school traveled down to Des Moines to spend the day working on position papers.

A position paper is a paper each one of the four groups had to write about their feelings on the topics in the specific group. The four groups were deforestation, encouraging entrepreneurship in developing countries, food security, and intervention in foreign internal conflicts. After they were done writing their papers, experts evaluated the papers and told the students what they thought.

Then on Wednesday, October 19th, the rest of

## I Believe

A.J. Wagner

This week 13 FFA members traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to the 84th National FFA Convention. The theme for this year is "I Believe." The members from the Algona FFA Chapter who went were: Cory Kruse, A.J. Wagner, Nathan Skallerup, Curtis Becker, Jacob Kofoot, Heather Ziesman, Morgan Muller, Owen Zimmerman, Nick Scott, Kaeli Davis, Amanda Anderson, Brody Vaske, and Tyler Laubenthal.

They will be attending many different workshops and meet many different people from around the world. Nathan Skallerup will be singing in the National FFA Chorus, which will be air live on RFD-TV!

On Wednesday, they

the Model UN team traveled to the capital and read over the position papers from the first day. After reading and evaluating the papers, the other students contributed in writing a resolution paper.

A resolution paper is a formal statement of a decision or expression of opinion put before or adopted by the assembly.

From the AHS, two students were appointed as outstanding delegates. An outstanding delegate is a person who showed superior knowledge and helped a great deal with the position papers. The two students were Nick Bitz and Breanna Johnson.

left Algona and traveled to the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, Illinois. They then finish traveling to Indiana. On Thursday, they walked around the convention center and went to the Bulls and Broncs Championship Season Rodeo. Then they were off to the Blake Shelton concert that night. On Friday, they plan on wandering around the convention center all day and then going to the 84th ceremony. On Saturday, they will venture their way home.

While at the ceremony, past Algona FFA members Melissa Gade and Mitchell Habeger will receive their American Delegates Jacob Kofoot says, "It's gonna be a fun time!"



Left:  
Outstanding  
Delegates  
and  
Alternates in  
the Library  
at the Iowa  
State Capitol  
Breanna  
Johnson,  
Nick Bitz,  
Alex Harms,  
Mike Etler,  
Elijah  
Banwart,  
Scott Haas



Above: AHS Model UN members pose outside the House of Representatives Chamber at the Iowa State Capitol  
(Left to Right) Front Row: Jack Ralls, Bekka Voss, Braden Menke, Evan O'Donnell; Middle Row: Jonathan Wichtendahl, Emily Drusch, Nick Bitz, Breanna Johnson; Back Row: Liz Buris, Mike Etler, Scott Haas, Austin Burton, Elijah Banwart, Ray Chihak, Alex Harms

## PSAT's

Teresa Regehr

On Wednesday, October 12, 2011, some of the juniors took the PSAT's. PSAT stands for PreSAT's. The test is designed for the students in the top of the junior class. This test covers critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills.

These tests are used for scholarship competition, preparation for SAT's,

feedback to the individuals about academic skills, and to get ready for college. "After the PSAT, I'm obviously going to Stanford," said Nick Taffe.

The results from this test are going to be here some time in December. If you need more information about PSAT's, Mrs. Stein is available in her office.



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## Are you eligible?

Nick Bitz

With the end of the quarter right around the corner, some students are asking, "Will I be ineligible?" On October 28th, the first quarter ends, and grades are due by one o' clock on the 31st.

This quarter grade will make up 40% of your semester grade (quarter 1 = 40%, quarter 2 = 40%, semester test = 20%), meaning that even if you fail this quarter, you can still pass the class. Ineligibility comes at the end of the semester. If you do badly in a class 1st quarter, you can still get your grade raised before the end of the semester.

If you have failed any classes at the end of the first semester, you will be ineligible until for 30 days. This also includes college-credit classes through AHS. Ineligibility means that you are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities. This includes

sports, drama, quiz bowl, jazz band, All-State competitions, drill team, and many more.

For those underclassmen who have a D or lower in any academic class, you will be placed into structured study hall. Seniors will lose open campus privileges and will be put in structured study halls if they have three D's or one or more F's. However, seniors will still be able to drive during their lunch period. Underclassmen will be allowed to leave for lunch. Just a reminder that only seniors are allowed to be in vehicles during the lunch periods.

It is possible to get out of structured study hall and regain open campus at each of the three week grading periods throughout the year if you have your grades up.

So be sure to be giving your classes all your effort to keep your eligibility!

## 50/50

Klint King

The movie *50/50*, released on September 30, 2011, is inspired by a true story. It is written about Will Reiser and his struggle with cancer.

The main character's name is Adam and is played by the actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt. This is a very emotional movie and shows the bond of two friends as one fights through cancer and his best friend is determined to help his friend through this, not letting him get his hopes down. Adam's friend is played by the tal-

ented Seth Rogan. Throughout the movie, Adam falls in loves with his therapist who is played by Anna Kendrick.

While this movie will have you laughing and near tears, it still uplifting while having a sad plot line. This movie is heartwarming and would be a good family film (if it did not have bad language and sexual jokes). This movie also has a good connection to the reality of being diagnosed with cancer and how people react. This movie is rated R and is 100 minutes long.

## Modern Warfare

### 3

Colbi Culpepper

There has been a lot of talk about the new game, *Modern Warfare 3*, coming out on November 8, 2011. The game opens moments after the mission cliffhanger ending of *Modern Warfare 2* with the U.S. struggling to fight off a surprise Russian attack.

The single-player campaign will send players around the world as they take on the multiple roles. Roles include a Russian Federal Protective Services agent, SAS Operative, tank gunner, and AC-130 gunner as well as key characters from previous games. There are also some new characters.

## Jazz it up!

Sawyer Brandt

To some students at AHS, band is a big part of their lives. Whether it's Band Days, sporting events, or even concerts, the AHS band has been going above and beyond by representing Algona High in a positive way.

AHS offers Jazz Band to those students who are interested in an extra curricular band activity. Junior David Hanson says, "The Jazz Band rocks!"

Jazz Band started on October 13, 2011. They are led by Mr. Kissinger, and they now practice two times per week.

The 25 kids in Jazz Band do not have to try out,

The game will feature about 15 missions, kicking off with the invasion of Manhattan by a Russian force and wrapping up with a final encounter in Dubai.

The online play is revamped too, now including new killstreaks, new weapons, and new packages including assault, support, and specialist.

The game is drawing lots of attention and the media is saying that this is supposedly the "game of the year".

Information from: <http://kotaku.com/5801226/the-modern-warfare-3-files-exclusive-first-details-on-the-biggest-game-of-2011>

although they do have chair placements. This means that the best players are seated in the middle.

The Jazz Band has two performances at contests, and they perform at the pop concert. They typically only have one performance but this year have increased it to two.

The kids who partake in Jazz Band are typically looking for an extra-curricular where they get to play new, cooler rhythms with a difference in style from the "regular band". Curtis Hardman says, "It is really fun and is coming along well."

## State Marching Band Auto Club car wash

Jessica Mueller

On Saturday, October 8th, the Algona High School Scarlet Regiment Marching Band performed at Dodger Stadium in Fort Dodge at the IHSMA State Marching Band Festival. The Scarlet Regiment was awarded a Division I rating for their performance. Trevor Loeschen said, "It was fun."

The band earned its 26th Division I in a row this year. It is also the 33rd time they have been awarded a

Division I since they began attending the State festival in 1977.

The band of 65-members performed music by the Foo Fighters, Evanescence, Fallout Boy, and Aerosmith.

The Algona High School Scarlet Regiment Marching Band will be playing at half time of this Friday night's football game on October 21. Come check out this Division I band!

Janet Hofmann

This year, the Algona High Automotive Technology Club has added car washes to their list of services. "Services include safety inspections, oil changes, tire rotations and service, brakes, heating and A/C work, engine work, and any other types of problems that customers can bring us," says Mr. Klemm, the teacher of Automotive Technology through Iowa Lakes. They consider these services to be "live work," which is work other than the classroom/lab work. These services are part of a maintenance lab that they cover at the beginning of the year.

Car washes are \$10,

and any other service is \$10 plus the cost of any parts needed for the repair. They usually work on vehicles that students or staff bring in, but other vehicles from the community can be brought in as well.

The money from these services go to boost the club's fund, which is used for the fees that competitions bring about, such as registration fees, hotel fees, and travel. They attend multiple competitions throughout the year. Their biggest competitions they attend are the Ford AAA Student Auto Skills and SkillsUSA.

Mark your calendars!  
Student Senate event for October: Scary movie night  
*Insidious*  
Friday, October 28 @ 9:00  
Free of charge  
Pop and popcorn will be available to purchase  
Doors will lock at 9:00 - no one will be allowed in after 9 and no one will be allowed to leave until the movie is over.

## Bowling mania!

Taylor Setzer

The AHS Special Olympics team went bowling on October 6th in Estherville. The team consisted of Matthew Foertsch, Taylor Steeburg, Josie McMahon, Jake Hutchison, Amy Kaiser, and Ana Hollinger.

All the athletes had a great time! Josie McMahon said that her game started out slow but it improved later on. When Ana Hollinger was asked about her day, she said, "I bowled for fun

with pride!"

Congratulations to Jake Hutchison and Matt Foertsch for qualifying for State. They will compete in Des Moines on November 19.

Right: The Special Olympics bowling team poses while at Estherville.

Matt Foertsch, Josie McMahon, Jake Hutchison, Taylor Steeburg, Ana Hollinger, and Amy Kaiser.

